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Jane Henney, M.D.
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5600 Fishers Lane
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Re: Support CSPI petition

Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to express my grave concern over the looming public health crisis caused by the overuse of antibiotics. As you know, diseases long controlled by antibiotics are becoming more difficult to treat, and illnesses once easily curable often fail to respond to previously effective drugs.

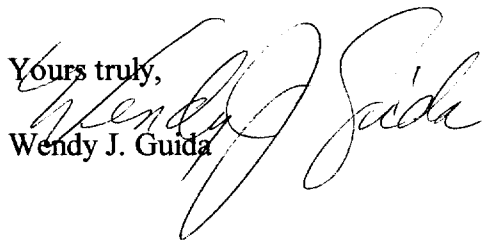
Livestock producers currently use antibiotics both to treat diseases and to promote growth in hogs, cows and chickens. Scientists believe that these drugs given to animals play a role in antibiotic resistance in human diseases.

I urge you support the petition by the Center for Science in Public Interest (CSPI) to withdraw approvals for the use of medically important antibiotics to promote growth in animals. We must favor sick children over cheap chickens.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent matter,.

Yours truly,

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